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Reporting for week ending April 2, 2006

General

The week began with warm and mild conditions for the first full week of spring. Cooler temperatures were still observed at night. The week ended with some much needed rain showers. This weather system also produced some strong winds and tornadoes in the northeast part of the state. There were also several reports of hail from these storms. Damage is still being assessed. There were 5.4 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 2% very short, 20% short, 67% adequate, and 11% surplus.

Crops

Corn planting is nearly halfway complete with 20% of the crop emerged. Soybean planting got underway this past week. Sorghum planting is slightly ahead of normal with 8% of the crop planted. Rice planting is 2% complete. Winter wheat crop was rated as 5% headed with most of the crop in good condition.

Livestock

Livestock was rated in mostly fair condition. Cattlemen are still feeding hay in some of the dryer areas of the state. They are also busy fertilizing pastures. Hay crops are in mostly fair to good condition.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Planted	49	24	40	33
	Emerged	20	0	8	6
Rice	Planted	2	1	1	3
Sorghum	Planted	8	6	1	3
Soybeans	Planted	1	0	0	1
Wheat	Headed	5	1	1	0

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	0	5	28	57	10
Hay-other	0	7	61	29	3
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	72	28	0
Pasture &	4	20	46	29	1

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Weather for the Week

There were 6 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 22% very short, 42% short, 32% adequate, and 4% surplus.

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending: April 3, 2006

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal	Wk Ending April 3	April Accum	April Normal	Jan - March	
								2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	82	30	8	0.82	0.82	1.01	5.97	8.07
	Harrison	83	37	8	0.84	0.84	0.98	6.75	8.86
N. Central	Calico Rock	87	23	3	0.04	0.04	1.05	11.06	9.73
	Gilbert	86	29	6	0.45	0.45	0.91	10.88	9.16
	Greers Ferry	83	37	6	0.35	0.35	1.19	10.65	11.14
	Mountain Home	83	35	6	0.68	0.68	0.99	10.99	9.55
Northeast	Batesville	84	28	5	0.13	0.13	1.06	9.82	10.37
	Jonesboro	81	37	6	1.47	1.47	1.08	11.15	10.59
	Keiser	82	37	6	0.26	0.26	1.12	12.02	11.57
	Newport	83	39	6	0.19	0.19	1.19	9.85	10.83
W. Central	Booneville	88	36	6	0.1	0.1	0.91	10.54	9.74
	Clarksville	86	41	9	0.32	0.32	1.05	8.45	9.49
	Dardanelle	87	38	6	0.32	0.32	1.01	12.18	10.24
	Ft. Smith	89	39	8	0.22	0.22	0.91	9.11	8.30
	Mena	84	33	5	1.46	1.46	1.19	14.80	11.32
	Ozark	84	38	7	0.97	0.97	0.92	10.12	9.39
Central	Conway	87	40	5	0.22	0.22	1.12	11.71	10.44
	Hot Springs	85	35	4	2.19	2.19	1.19	12.60	12.13
	Little Rock	85	37	4	0.6	0.6	1.23	10.31	11.00
	N Little Rock	85	37	2	0.67	0.67	1.16	10.35	10.73
E. Central	Brinkley	79	38	5	0	0	1.12	10.71	11.68
	Marianna	81	40	6	0.47	0.47	1.26	13.72	12.75
	Stuttgart	83	40	5	2.06	2.06	1.19	14.00	11.49
Southwest	Hope	86	35	6	0.02	0.02	1.19	14.26	12.30
	Texarkana	88	43	7	0	0	0.94	14.54	10.32
	Camden	86	35	4	0.07	0.07	1.12	15.20	13.03
S. Central	El Dorado	85	39	7	0.02	0.02	1.1	13.31	13.52
	Warren	82	32	5	0.3	0.3	1.33	17.13	14.55
Southeast	Eudora	86	44	8	0.2	0.2	1.4	19.05	15.74
	Pine Bluff	85	39	7	0.29	0.29	1.19	11.80	12.45
	Rohwer	83	43	8	0.61	0.61	1.2	17.97	13.75